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► Brian MacKenzie of London takes to his unicycle yesterday to help promote the city's Q campaign. MacKenzie has been lending his videography skills to the cause. You can check out his Q video at unicycleglidecam.com.

-ing up a winner?

► City optimistic about hosting national radio show ► Details are at jianinldnont.ca



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Q'd it be?

If you ask Ian Gifford, London has a "pretty darn good chance."

"I won't say anything for sure until the proverbial fat lady signs," Gifford said yesterday about CBC Radio's Jian Ghomeshi coming to the Forest City. "But I think we've put something solid together."

Ghomeshi is expected to announce tomorrow which city has earned an appearance from Q, his weekday arts-and-culture digest. A visit to London would be fitting since this is where the multi-city throwdown began with an Oct. 22 tweet from Gifford.

Since then, hundreds have jumped on board, sending thousands of tweets asking Ghomeshi to consider us for a taping of Q Live. Videos have been made, people have paraded downtown carrying Qs and businesses have offered charitable donations to prove the city's dedication.

The flutter of activity — which saw politicians donning Q-embossed shirts at last night's council meeting — will come to a head today when Gifford posts a final statement on the campaign website. "I'm going to sum it all up from the first tweet to the final word," he said.

He did let one cat out of the bag: Mayor Joe Fontana has thrown in his two cents. Ghomeshi had pre-

viously asked via Twitter why Mayor Joe hadn't gotten involved. Now, Gifford said, you can count His Honour in, 110 per cent.

"The mayor (looked) in the camera and (said): 'Jian, you wanted me, now you got me,'" Gifford said about a recent video shoot.

Even if London doesn't come out on top, there will be a celebratory party, Gifford said. "I think the effort really speaks to London's enthusiasm for arts and culture," he said. "The community's really banded together in a great way."

London 'very strong': Q

The folks at Q have a big decision to make in the next 24 hours — and they know it. "We've been honoured at the enthusiasm from all the cities and towns that have waged impressive campaigns," Arif Noorani, the show's executive producer, wrote in an email to Metro. "London's has been very strong, along with places like Hamilton, Stratford, Guelph, Kingston and Oshawa."

But if London doesn't come out on top this time around, it could get a second chance, he hinted. "For now, we can only do one remote. Further down the line, we hope to visit another city," he said. ● ANGELA MULLINS



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Finding a way to fight back

► Londoners still coping with emotional scars from downtown beating ► One victim hopes to send message during trials



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Two Londoners have started a Facebook campaign aimed at turning a negative into a positive.

Jumped and beaten Aug. 20 near Richmond and York streets, Jacqui Gallant and Christopher Campbell are, in their own little way, trying to take back the night.

"When things happen to me in my life, I can't help but try to rationalize why," Gallant, 47, said. "The only thing I can find ... to rationalize why (this happened) is because I'm the kind of person who's going to speak about it.

"That's my mission: Create more awareness."

Asking for help and support in making downtown safer, the Facebook page is staged around today's aggravated-assault trial for Nicole Whitehead, one of two people charged in the case.

Whitehead, 26, of London, was arrested a few weeks after Gallant told

"I'm not saying I don't go out anymore. But I do it a lot more cautiously, and I choose my routes."

JACQUI GALLANT, 47, OF LONDON

police she was forced to the ground, choked and bitten.

A Jan. 4 trial is scheduled for Marol Angou, 24, of London, the man accused of beating Campbell.

Angou was charged Sept. 20 in the assault that landed Campbell, 41, in the hospital with a fractured cheekbone, a split upper lip and a black eye.

The goal, Gallant said yesterday, is to fill the courtroom for the trials.

"You kind of want to get as much support as you can," she said. "The more people that come ... the judge is going to look at this and say, 'These people really do care, and they really do want these people off the street.'"



Wi-Fi. High

► London Hydro's Tyler Nemeth towers above Victoria Park yesterday morning as he readies a light post for equipment needed to turn the park into a wireless hot spot.

ANGELA MULLINS/METRO

London Hydro's got web hookups

Crews said free high-speed Internet access may be available as early as this morning, part of a \$100,000 London Hydro pilot project. Company officials have said their network is capable of hosting 500 simultaneous users in and around the park.

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Fresh. Ice



► Wayne Stirling, facility operator with the City of London, uses a drill yesterday to check the thickness of Victoria Park's ice rink. The measurements ranged from one and a half to two inches.

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Open season at Victoria Park rink

The Victoria Park rink is now open daily from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. The official opening was scheduled for Dec. 2 but was delayed, partially because of unseasonably warm weather, Stirling said. Storybook Gardens' 250-metre outdoor skate trail is also open. For more details, visit london.ca/storybook.

McGuinty 'giving the finger' to auditor: Hudak

► Premier skipped question period to attend opening of criticized turbine plant ► McGuinty insists he's on the right track with green energy

Premier Dalton McGuinty is "giving the finger" to Ontario's auditor general by ignoring his stinging criticism of the Liberals' cherished green energy policies, Opposition Leader Tim Hudak charged yesterday.

McGuinty snubbed watchdog Jim McCarter by skipping question period in the legislature to attend the opening of a plant in Windsor that makes wind turbine towers, the Tory leader said.

McCarter, who released his annual report Monday, found that the government rushed into a \$7-billion deal with Korean giant Samsung without consulting its key energy agencies or conducting

"I think it's extraordinarily disrespectful of the premier — the day after the auditor general tears apart that program — to go and boast about it."

OPPOSITION LEADER TIM HUDAK

any formal economic analysis.

"In light of what the auditor general said yesterday in his 460 pages, isn't Dalton McGuinty, by going to a Samsung-related plant, basically giving the finger to the auditor general, who tore apart that report?" Hudak asked in the legislature.

The Tory leader withdrew the remark after being called out by Speaker Dave Levac, but was unapologetic outside the chamber.

"I think basically he is telling the auditor general to take a leap," Hudak said.

But the auditor's report doesn't appear to have swayed McGuinty, who insists he's on the right track.

The cost of green energy may be high, but it will save health-care dollars by reducing the province's dependence on dirty coal-powered generation, he said in Windsor.

"It's a deliberate choice that we had made,"

McGuinty said while visiting Korean-based CS Wind.

"We're getting off of coal, which is always less expensive, and we're moving on to renewable technologies."

McCarter's report raised serious concerns about green energy — a cornerstone of the Liberal campaign in the Oct. 6 election that saw the party reduced to a 53-seat minority.

His findings cast doubt on the Liberals' job-creation figures and exposed how independent decision-making over renewable energy projects has effectively been quashed by concentrating power in the energy minister's office.

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Anti-bullying bill forces sexualized agenda: Groups

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► Dalton McGuinty

Some religious leaders say Ontario's new anti-bullying legislation will force teachers to violate their faith and will try to indoctrinate kids with a sexualized agenda.

Christian, Jewish and Muslim representatives joined together to condemn the Liberal's new anti-bullying bill, even though they all agree bullying must be stopped.

They say the bill requires schools to have gay clubs and to teach young children there are six different genders, part of what they say is an agenda driven by gay activists, not parents.

Charles McVetty of the Institute for Canadian Values says Premier Dalton

McGuinty is using the problem of bullying to advance "his radical sex education agenda."

McVetty, who led the fight against the Liberals' last attempt to update Ontario's sex ed curriculum, says the same policy is back inside the new bill.

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Soccer club sold

London City Soccer Club, a fixture in professional soccer in the Canadian Soccer League since 1973 and the longest uninterrupted professional soccer club in North America, has been sold to out-of-town interests.

Ryan Gauss, the club's CEO and general manager, announced the takeover by a group headed by Hamilton entrepreneur Andrew Crowe, who's in the environmental recycling business.

The team will remain in London.

"Looking forward, all the Canadian Soccer League teams are going to be required to meet significantly increased financial standards for not only player salaries but also total budgets — such a drastic increase over the next decade or so that I know I personally will not be able to meet them," Gauss said in an email to Metro.

"I made the decision which I felt was best for the organization, Londoners and professional soccer in the City of London." ● METRO

Local exec donates to Fanshawe

Larry Myny, vice-president and investment advisor at CIBC Wood Gundy, made a donation of \$50,000 to Fanshawe College's Alumni Mentoring for Success program yesterday.

Fanshawe College Alumni Association operates a mentoring program to help students and graduates as they transition from school to work. With this donation, the program will expand, providing new opportunities for a greater number of the 130,000 alumni. ● METRO

Open-house skate at the JLC

Global Spectrum Facility Management will open the John Labatt Centre doors to the public Sunday for its fourth annual open house skate from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Admission is free, but a toy or cash donation for the Children's Aid Society of London and Middlesex would be appreciated.

A silent auction will also be held featuring a luxury suite for a Knights game, and other items. All proceeds from the auction will go to the Children's Aid Society. ● METRO

Soviets charted our Arctic seas

- Cold War fears confirmed: Subs patrolled the North
- Their maps were more detailed than Canadian ones

Shades of Red October.

Cold-War-era nautical charts appear to support the widely held belief that Soviet nuclear submarines routinely patrolled the Canadian Arctic during the Cold War.

What's more, the charts are still in use by Russian vessels because they are more detailed than Canadian ones.

"I can't help but think back to The Hunt For Red October, where Sean Connery plays the captain of a Soviet nuclear missile submarine and relies on the accuracy of Soviet charts to avoid a torpedo that's been shot at his ship," said Arctic expert Michael Byers.

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"At the current rate of charting, it will take 300 years for the Canadian Hydrographic Service to bring all our charts for the Canadian archipelago to world standards," said Michael Byers.

ers. "These charts indicate that the Soviets were in fact that competent."

Photos of the charts, seen by The Canadian Press, suggest Russian mariners have for decades possessed detailed knowledge of crucial internal wa-

terways such as the Northwest Passage.

The charts, covering strategic Arctic waterways, appear to be clearly marked with Soviet insignia, including the red star and the hammer and sickle.

Byers said: "The Soviet navy was extremely capable and also was willing to take considerable risk."

"Sending submarines into the Canadian archipelago, which was heavily monitored by NATO, thousands of miles away from Soviet assistance, was a perilous thing to do."

"It was a phenomenal accomplishment."

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Homecoming. Tim's time



► Lisa Frye, a civilian member of the Canadian Forces Personnel Support Programs Division who worked at the Tim Hortons in Kandahar, holds a box of the last Timbits to be made there. She arrived in Edmonton yesterday.

HEATHER MACINTYRE/METRO

Timbits? Just call 'em spoils of war

After the Tim Hortons in Kandahar, Afghanistan, closed last month, those who had worked there decided to bake up some keepsakes. And so, the last batch of Timbits ever made there landed at the Edmonton airport yesterday on a flight bringing not only soldiers home but also many civilians who staffed the store. The Timbits were frozen and will be kept as war souvenirs — somehow.

An app for Ronnie Mac

Ronald McDonald House has launched Kidscape on iTunes, an app made by kids to help kids.

It's a gaming app featuring images drawn by kids staying at Ronald McDonald Houses — for families of kids being treated at area hospitals.

App prices: Kidscape City for \$0.99, Kidscape Farm for \$4.99 and Kidscape Space for \$19.99.

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Issue won't go away

Stephen Harper heads to the White House today to unveil a long-awaited border security agreement with U.S. President Barack Obama.

But the fate of the \$7 billion Keystone XL pipeline is sure to be discussed at some point.

The project was shelved at least temporarily by the Obama administration a month ago.

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Women mourn massacre victims, Tories not welcome

Hundreds of women gathered on Parliament Hill yesterday to mark the slaying of 14 women in Montreal 22 years ago.

They are angry with the Harper government over its decision to abolish the long-gun registry.

Conservatives were not invited to the event.

Gun control advocate Wendy Cukier said the Dec. 6 anniversary of the

"We have to stand together like today, bravely, against a government that is turning back the clock on women's rights."

NDP LEADER NYCOLE TURMEL

mass shooting at the École Polytechnique has a dual

meaning. "More than ever before, we must mourn but we must also work for change," she told the crowd, many waving placards with "Save the gun registry" slogans.

Friends and relatives of the slain women placed roses into an urn and posters bearing their smiling faces were held aloft by the crowd.

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Students to be occupied

Occupy demonstrations will be the focal point of a new university course being offered in Calgary.

Starting in January, Mount Royal University assistant professor Roberta Lexier will begin teaching the Occupy Wall Street course.

"It really demonstrates that the issues we are dealing (with) in our world are not simple," she said.

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Santa promising less in poor economy

► Those playing the jolly bearded one during the holidays are hearing more from kids about tough times

A job for their mom or dad. Money for the heating bill. Food or a place to live. Maybe gloves or boots.

More and more, Santas say the children on their laps are asking for less — and Santa is promising less as well.

With unemployment in the U.S. stubbornly high, more homes in foreclosure and the economic outlook dim, many children who visit Santa are all too

aware of the struggle to make ends meet.

"These children understand the conditions around the home when they ask for stuff. They understand when there are other children in the family, they need to be cautious or thoughtful of them as well and not ask for 10 to 12 items," said Richard Holden, a 69-year-old Santa from Gastonia, N.C.

Cliff Snider, who's been

playing Santa since he was a teenager, agrees.

"I think the parents are saying, 'It's an economic thing. Just list two to three things you really want to have,'" he said. "Parents are trying to encourage the children to be thrifty."

"Families are teaching their children to be as much of a giver as a receiver," said Tom Valent, dean of the Howard Santa school in Midland, Mich., which gets more than 3,000 letters to Santa a year and just graduated its 75th class.

Texan mother Starlight Fonseca has been teaching her five children, ages 5 to 14, "that we're not the only ones who have to cut things back. We're not the only ones struggling."

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► Santa Claus gets a kiss on the cheek from Bella Champion, 3, during a Christmas photo shoot at the Beach Shack in Emerald Isle, N.C.

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yule. Barely a minute goes by before some company, be it Mercedes Benz or Victoria's Secret, tries to twist my Christmas goodwill into cash at the till. Santa Claus is more common than the cold, and any turkey that survived Thanksgiving is sure to be done like dinner by Dec. 25.

I blame Charles Dickens, who turns 200 not long after Christmas — Feb. 7, 2012, to be precise. Well, actually he's dead and has been since 1870. But the man who wrote A Christmas Carol is no less responsible for Christmas as we know it.

As you know, as it's impossible to avoid, A Christmas Carol is the story of Ebenezer Scrooge, a miserable old fart who sees the error of his ways thanks to being haunted by three very memorable ghosts on Christmas Eve, and

becomes an improbably wonderful, kind, generous friend to all, especially to Tiny Tim, his clerk's frail little son.

Historians believe Christmas is largely the result of a mid-Victorian revival prompted by A Christmas Carol. Dickens reintroduced warmth into what had become mainly a religious holiday by immortalizing

family feasts, greeting cards, seasonal food and drink, fun and games, and an SUV under every tree.

Even though it was published in 1843, A Christmas Carol is not going away soon. There are 200 million copies in print. It's been made into a movie at least 20 times, the most recent being the 2009 Disney 3-D version starring Jim Carey as Scrooge.

We are bombarded by the imagery and iconography of this Dickensian Christmas. Holly, yule logs, crackling fires (where would we be without the 24-7 fireplace channel on cable?), gift giving, carols and the like have been co-opted into an orgy of commercial excess that now begins on or about Halloween, another festival with pagan roots that's completely out of control.

If we don't spend more to achieve the perfect Dickensian Christmas this year than we did last year, business commentators scold us for lacking consumer confidence and the market drops.

I suspect that Dickens, if confronted with this spectacle, would exclaim, "Bah, humbug" in his best Scrooge, and storm off into the night. After all, despite the vast sums made from the conversion of Scrooge, Dickens only ever saw profits that would equate to a mere \$138,275.10 today.

Of course he was the first to try and cash in, writing a Christmas piece in every subsequent year and featuring Scrooge at many of his profitable public readings.

He may have been the first, but he won't be the last. God bless us, everyone.

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It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas.

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It's only the first week of December and I'm already suffering from an overdose of



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Florida crocs make a comeback



A tale of two forces

A wildlife biologist holds a small crocodile that will be released into one of the cooling canals adjacent to the Turkey Point Nuclear Power Plant in Homestead, Fla.

An unexpected but fruitful relationship has blossomed between the American crocodile and the nuclear power plant.

The crocodile-monitoring program began in 1978, a year after employ-

ees stumbled upon a crocodile nest in the plant's cooling canal system. It turns out that Florida Power and Light was building prime croc habitat just as virtually every other developer was paving it over.

Wildlife officials give the state's largest public utility part of the credit for a five-fold increase in the species' population in Florida.

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8 Wildlife biologists use an Avid Microchip Scanner to scan the stomach of a small crocodile. Microchips are used as a reference ID, much like a thumb print, to scan the captured animal, as well as to track any animal that falls prey to others as a result of cannibalism. Biologists said one crocodile was found with eight chips inside its belly.

Endangered

A wildlife biologist measures a small crocodile.

South Florida's rampant development eroded the crocodile's habitat over decades of booming growth. By the 1970s, there were less than 300 in the state. The federal government had classified the species as endangered, meaning it was in danger of becoming extinct.

Local tweets



► **@Melizzy FoShizzy:** Starting to think I should invest

in a pair of #twittens.

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► **@CookieClowry:** I don't mind paying the proposed 1% levy if it means more growth and more jobs for my city. What's an extra \$20-30/year? #ldnont

► **@CandiceKei:** 3.5 hours of sleep. 7 hours of class starting now. #SSSC office hours & a meeting this afternoon. A term paper due tonight. #longday #uwo

► **@Evolving:** ...big essay due today, time for panic mode.

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► **@Jeeoredan:** "I need to get home" is the worst excuse for my change from an obvious drug addict. If you were honest I might have considered it. #ldnont

► **@taybirdy:** Totally loving living down town, and now that im healthy, cant wait to go exploring! #ldnont

► **@laurarofl:** finally checked out the new #uwo student lounge in ucc. i'm in love #neverleavingthesebeanbagchairs

► **@LawGirl1393:** My phone has replaced my computer as my main source of info #ldnont

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► Zac Efron and Michelle Pfeiffer star in the romantic comedy New Year's Eve.

Big screen milestones

► Efron celebrates sharing a movie kiss with Michelle Pfeiffer ► They star in New Year's Eve



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While New Year's Eve isn't the first time Michelle Pfeiffer and Zac Efron have crossed paths on screen — they had a few choice scenes in 2007's *Hairspray* — it does mark an important milestone in their professional relationship, at least as far as Efron is concerned.

"I met Michelle a few

years ago, during *Hairspray*, and had a huge crush on her — always, from day one. Back then I was very, very young and very bashful, and just around her I tended to put my foot in my mouth a lot. I didn't really know what to say to her, and everything just came out wrong," Efron remembers. "I didn't know what to do. I was very shy. But then I got to talk on the phone with her about this part, I remember. And she

said, 'I think we should take this to the next level. We should really push it. Let's get a kiss in there.' And I was like, 'I'm in! I'm in this movie, sign me up. Let's do it.'"

In the film, another romantic comedy omnibus in the style of Valentine's Day from director Gary Marshall, Pfeiffer stars as Ingrid, a mild-mannered office drone brought out of her shell by Efron's brash bike messenger.

"I'm the envy of every

girl across the planet, I think. I got a kiss in there with Zac Efron. Pretty clever of me, at the ripe old age of 53," Pfeiffer says.

Efron is the eternal optimist, though, despite having to battle the elements during filming.

"On the plus side, it was basically us snuggling very close. So it was kind of nice," he says of the frigid conditions. "I felt very comforted."

For Efron, the biggest challenge in the film arose

when it came time to finally get that kiss with Pfeiffer.

"I remember I was in my hotel room the night before, imagining how I was going to kiss her, and it was awesome. I was the man in every way," he says.

"And then I went to execute on the day, and right when I got to the crucial moment a huge piece of confetti flew right into my mouth."

Better luck next year.

Mueller



A Colorado judge will let actor Charlie Sheen's ex-wife, Brooke Mueller, to return to California following her arrest in Aspen on assault and drug charges.

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SITTING THROUGH A FAMILIAR FILM

IN FOCUS

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Wikipedia says "babysitting is commonly performed as an odd job by teenagers for extra money." While that is undoubtedly the stereotype, the movies

have shown us that babysitters come in all shapes and sizes.

This weekend Jonah Hill plays an irresponsible college student who reluctantly looks after his neighbour's wild kids. How wild is it? Well, let's put it this way; I don't think Nanny McPhee had a "red band" trailer.

If it sounds familiar, it should. Twenty-four years ago babysitter Elisabeth Shue led her young

charges through the streets of Chicago in *Adventures in Babysitting*. At one point they end up on a nightclub stage. The leader of the house band, played by blues legend Albert Collins, says, "Nobody leaves this place without singing the blues."

After an awkward pause she improvises the *Babysitting Blues*.

"It's so hard babysitting these guys," she

sings. "And they should be in bed," replies the guitar player over a classic blues-rock riff.

The most lovable movie minder has to be John Candy as Uncle Buck. Even though he pretends to be capable of mutilation with power tools, he's less violent than Rebecca De Mornay in *The Hand That Rocks the Cradle*, manlier than Robin Williams in *Mrs. Doubtfire* and more alive

than all the babysitters in *Halloween*.

In the movie's most famous scene he answers a barrage of questions from his nephew, played by Macaulay Culkin.

On the day of filming the younger actor couldn't remember all the questions, so Candy wrote them out and hid them where Culkin could read them. Now that's something a great babysitter would do.



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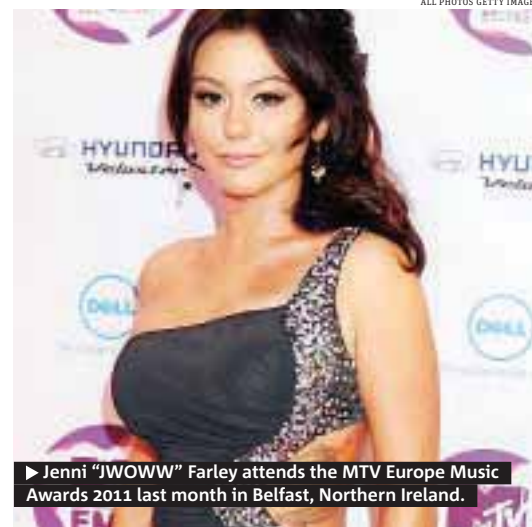


Not to be outdone by fellow Jersey Shore cast-member Snooki releasing her own perfume, busty reality star JWoww is releasing her own signature fragrance, too.

The perfume, also called JWoww, comes out just in time for the holiday season, retailing at such choice outlets as Kmart, Amazon.com and JWowwPerfume.com.

According to the press release, JWoww is a "sexy perfume inspired by days and nights down the shore" (note the New Jersey colloquialism "down the shore," which means "at the beach").

Just in case we can fool ourselves into thinking this scent wasn't created by a bunch of Chinese child labourers mixing together a bunch of synthetic compounds into something re-



► Jenni "JWOWW" Farley attends the MTV Europe Music Awards 2011 last month in Belfast, Northern Ireland.

sembling "sweet," there's even a hilarious run down of the "notes" in the \$29.99 bottle:

Top notes: Anjou pear, sparkling citron, fresh air

Middle notes: Rose petals, geranium blossom, sheer muguet

Bottom notes: Sandalwood, deep musk, white moss

A tiny gold JWOWW charm adorns the sleek bot-

tle, which was also created by JWoww.

I love that "fresh air" is included as one of the predominant "notes," in place of, say, "vomit after a night of Red Bull, 2 a.m. chicken wings, and half a case of Miller Lite," which is what I think of when we think of smells "inspired by days and nights down the shore."

Daddy Aniston likes Theroux

Justin Theroux has gotten the stamp of approval from Jennifer Aniston's dad.

"He's a charming young man," John Aniston tells Us Weekly.

"I think they make a wonderful couple." John added that he's been seeing a fair amount of his daughter's

boyfriend, as they "get together whenever we can." And if OK! Magazine's sources have anything to say about it, they'll be getting together again soon for a wedding in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico — possibly by the end of the year. "It's definitely

going to happen," a source says. "And right now it's looking like sooner rather than later."



Justin Theroux

Celebrity tweets



Had a great celebrity sighting today: the

@DalaiLama at Chipotle.

@HankAzaria

I confuse tackle with tickle a lot.

@simonpegg

Slightly confusing doing press for two films simultaneously. Keep talking about

Ethan Hunt's faithful canine sidekick, Snowy.



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First Tango in Buenos Aires

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I've been in Buenos Aires for less than an hour and already I'm feeling the bizarre atmosphere of addiction and romance that's at the heart of the world of tango.

"It used to be just Argentines who danced tango," my taxi driver is enthusing. "Now people come from Australia, Canada, Europe... even Korea and Japan."

Tango attracts particularly dedicated — not to say fanatical — followers and for millions of people the Argentine capital has become the ultimate place

of pilgrimage.

Private tango tuition rather than group classes is considered a must, so I'm partnered with fellow tango-virgin, Turkish TV presenter Asli Pelit, for my first foray into the dance. We take our first tentative baby steps as tangueros on Susana Mirosmik's little terrace as steaks sizzle on the parilla (barbecue), which will be a welcome reward for our efforts.

Susana has been dancing tango for more than 20 years and is one of the most well-known faces in the tango scene here. "You must learn to walk before you can dance," she says as she shows us how to move. "A graceful walk is the

very basics of the dance."

We move in carefully measured circles around the terrace and begin to grasp the meditative aspect that aficionados claim is the essence of the tango experience.

Some come to Buenos Aires to watch spectacular tango exhibitions or to spend a fortune on months of private lessons. Some dedicated pilgrims come simply to immerse themselves in the serenity of the milongas. These are traditional local dances where the purest tango can be found, and Susana guides us to a milonga at La Nacional. Alcohol consumption is low and voices lower still. The men affect

the stance of gentleman matadors and the women demure debutantes. On the dance floor any exuberant exhibitionism is frowned upon. Poise and reserve are the keys to acceptance at a traditional milonga like this.

I'm aware that elegance and matador poise are yet to establish a permanent place in my psyche, but under Susana's guidance I'm at least able to appreciate the under-stated subtleties of milonga footwork.

I might only be on my first steps to tango expertise but it feels good to be able to say that I have at least learned to really walk in Buenos Aires.

MARK EVELEIGH

TAKES THREE TO TANGO



LEARN

Susana Mirosmik is arguably the best contact to set up tango lessons in Buenos Aires. Her company Su Tours can also arrange everything from tango instructions to accommodation and weeklong tours of upcountry Argentina. sutours.blogspot.com



PARTIES

Some of the most recommended milongas — traditional local tango dances — are La Nacional, El Arranque and La Ideal. Milongas cost around \$5 admission and many include an hour of tuition at the beginning. buenosaires-milongas.com



SHOWS

The most famous and spectacular tango shows can be seen at Rojo Tango (from \$220; rojo-tango.com), at La Ventana Tango (from \$90; tangotix.com) and La Esquina Carlos Gardel (esquinacarlosgardel.com.ar).

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Travel in brief



Readers of Global Traveler magazine have voted Air Canada the best airline in North America. The award is based on responses from more than 36,000 readers of the magazine. Global Traveler readers are frequent premium travellers who average 32 round-trip flights a year, with 78 per cent travelling in first or business class regularly.

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If you're having a party, serve them up with a little candy cane ice cream for an impressive dessert!

You can find cocoa nibs in health food stores or gourmet food shops. They add an extra chocolatey crunch.

If you can't find them, just double up on the mini chocolate chips.

I've added a touch of instant espresso powder to them as well but if you don't want that hint of coffee flavour, just omit it.

Preparation:

1 In bowl, whisk flour,

cocoa

powder, baking powder,

Ingredients:

- 2 1/4 cups (550 mL) all purpose flour
- 1/3 cup (75 mL) unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1/2 tsp (2 mL) each baking powder and soda
- Pinch salt
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) butter
- 3/4 cup (175 mL) granulated sugar

- 1 egg
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) sour cream
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) vanilla
- 1 tsp (5 mL) instant espresso powder
- 1/4 cup (50 mL) cocoa nibs
- 1/4 cup (50 mL) mini chocolate chips
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) icing sugar

Holiday prep

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Every Wednesday until Christmas, Metro's Emily Richards will provide you tips to make the holiday whirlwind less stressful.

soda and salt; set aside.

2 In bowl beat butter and sugar until fluffy. Beat in egg and sour cream. Stir

espresso powder into vanilla, add to butter mix; beat to combine.

3 Stir in flour mix and stir until combined. Stir in cocoa nibs and chocolate chips until combined. Roll level tablespoon (15 mL) of dough into a ball and place on parchment paper lined baking sheet. Bake in centre of 350 F (180 C) oven for about 10 minutes or until top is cracked and firm to the touch. Repeat with remaining dough. Let cool in pan on rack. **EMILY IS A PROFESSIONAL HOME ECONOMIST, COOKBOOK AUTHOR AND A TV CELEBRITY CHEF.**



► This recipe makes about four dozen cookies.

Drink of the week

Clementine Rosemary Martini

- 2 oz dry gin
- 1 oz Lillet Blanc
- 1 clementine, quartered
- 1 sprig rosemary
- 1 tsp lemon simple syrup
- Candied lemon peel

Muddle clementine, including peel, with needles from rosemary sprig. Add other ingredients, shake with ice, and strain into cold martini glass. Garnish with another sprig and a small amount of candied lemon peel.

Note: To make candied lemon peel and simple syrup, peel 3 lemons (avoiding white pith) and thinly slice. Boil strips with 500 mL water and 2 cups sugar until lemon turns translucent. Strain lemon out and let dry on baking tray. Add little water to leftover lemon syrup if needed. **JOE HOWELL, TORONTO BARTENDER**



Dip into a perfect-for-the-holidays snack

Stick to a healthy eating regimen even during the holidays with iron-rich walnut spinach dip made with low-fat yogurt, crumbled walnuts and chopped spinach. Serve it with freshly cut vegetables and whole-grain crackers for a filling snack or as an eye-catching appetizer.

Preparation:

1 In a bowl, stir together spinach, cottage cheese, walnuts, yogurt, dill, soy sauce, mustard, Worcestershire sauce, celery

salt, hot sauce, onion and garlic powder until well combined. Add salt and pepper to taste. Cover and refrigerate in

an airtight container for up to 1 week.

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Ingredients:

- 1 pkg (300 g) frozen chopped spinach, thawed and well drained
- 250 mL (1 cup) pressed cottage cheese
- 250 mL (1 cup) walnut pieces, toasted
- 150 mL (2/3 cup) yogurt
- 45 mL (3 tbsp) freshly

- chopped dill
- 15 mL (1 tbsp) soy sauce
- 10 mL (2 tsp) Dijon mustard
- 5 mL (1 tsp) Worcestershire sauce
- 5 mL (1 tsp) celery salt
- 2 mL (1/2 tsp) hot sauce
- 2 mL (1/2 tsp) each onion and garlic powder
- Salt and pepper

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With more and more kinds of electronic gadgets for storing and manipulating data, experts in computer forensics need to deal with a lot more than just computers.

"Smartphones, iPads, tablets, GPS systems, game consoles, still and video cameras, the computers on cars — computer forensics techs are experts at extracting digital data so it can be used in court," explains Pamela King, director of the computer forensics program at Community College of Philadelphia.

The program, available at both the Center City



► This type of private eye specializes in scoping out people's not-so-private information.

and Northwest campuses, incorporates hands-on training. King says: "Students take classes in computer science and in criminal justice — and

then specific computer forensics courses that bring these two fields together."

Students include people working in IT and

paralegals who want to specialize in a growing field. There are also a fair number of career-changers, including people leaving the military.

"The combination of technology and law enforcement makes the field a good fit for them," King says.

Some graduates begin

Job search

Graduates may seek employment with:

- Local law enforcement agencies
- Federal agencies ranging from the CIA to the IRS
- Private security firms
- Law firms and banks
- Corporations

working as soon as they get their associate's degree. Others go on to complete bachelor's degrees, though there are only a few four-year programs in the area — including Drexel, Chestnut Hill College and Holy Family. "It's exciting that [CCP] is one of so few schools offering this training," King says.

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something you don't enjoy.

The career you do want to pursue requires now, more than ever, that you create your own experience.

Too many of my friends

all across Canada are struggling after graduation to find work, struggling during university to find placements that aren't voluntary



► Asad Chishti encourages employers to take note of a student's involvement in extra-curricular activities rather than simply considering their work experience.

for their co-op terms, and are trying to find work in the summer and being turned down from hundreds of job postings relevant to their field of study.

As a second year engineering chemistry student at Queen's University, I'm not sure what the future holds for my career path.

Some of the graduates from my program go into consulting, some go into research and development, a few outliers become entrepreneurs — most return to school for graduate studies.

But it seems like to get a job, networking matters. The jobs that I've held have been both part-time and referred to me by people who worked there.

It is no surprise that fresh undergraduates are now competing not only among each other but also among more qualified, more experienced veterans

of the job industry.

It's important to find an edge over the competition and to stand out by creating an outlet for your passion and future career. I believe we can take charge of our own future by getting involved now.

Because I think it's very important to dabble and supplement my studies with as many skills as possible, and I'm very involved in extra-curricular activities. I'm the assistant photo editor for the Queen's Journal, Canada's second oldest newspaper.

I help run an annual independently-organized TED talks event, TEDxQueensU.

Along with this, I've founded and am currently the chapter President of Journalists for Human Rights (JHR) Queen's University Chapter.

Employers need to look past the grades and the degrees. Students should be hired based on their ability to learn, not based on what they've already learned.

Watch out for the students who are already taking on different roles and establishing relationships. The university experience is not just about your transcript, it's about the people you meet and the opportunities you have as an individual to grow outside the classroom setting.

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The school project concludes with Vincent's visit to Canada in the spring of 2012: the National Gallery of Canada, located in the capital Ottawa, will host "Van Gogh Up Close" from May 24 – September 3, 2012. It will be the first major Canadian exhibition of works by the famous Dutch artist for more than 25 years!

Useful teacher's kit

Join in right now and we will send a teacher's kit with along the "See and Do Children's Book" from Cecile de Bie and Martien Leenders, a CD about the life of Vincent van Gogh, a visit to a flower shop website. The teacher kit will be distributed on a few come first served principles and entries no later than January 17, 2012.

Learn, explore and experience

Learn together with a book in the Netherlands that are participating in this project and would like to connect with schools in Canada.

Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands - www.dutchmissions.com

- **Explore** possibilities of the "Vincent van Gogh goes to school" project in your own class if it is not about art prize. Van Gogh can be a history project, a biology project or even a large science class.
- **Experience** the Netherlands and discover interesting facts about the Dutch, their country and the friendship with Canada.

Make - with your classmates and with the support of your teacher - an awesome painting of sunflowers, write a letter to Vincent, or, how about using your creativity to produce a movie, a play, a comic, a poster, a board game or a picture increase your creativity even by retelling a story, a song, or a picture in the specially designed Vincent van Gogh Facebook page from the Netherlands Embassy. Students can also sign up individually, and will be entered in the appropriate age category. The Sunflowers - age group 6 - 10; The Omen - age group 11 - 15 and The Wild Roses - age group 16 - 18.

Are you in?

For more information on this project, to register and to receive the kit, send an email to info-programs@nederland.nl or all the details about the project scan the QR code or go to facebook.com/thenetherlandsinCanada



Jays land White Sox closer in trade

The Toronto Blue Jays acquired closer Sergio Santos from the Chicago White Sox yesterday, bringing the pitcher back to the organization where he spent three seasons trying to make the majors as a shortstop.

Toronto gave up pitching prospect Nestor Molina to acquire the 28-year-old Santos in a swap made at baseball's winter meetings.

Santos earned 30 saves in 36 chances last season, going 4-5 with a 3.55 earned-run average in 63 games. The 28-year-old righty is a strikeout pitcher, fanning 92 in 65½ innings. He made a major league-record 25 straight scoreless appearances on the road to start the season.

Santos was golfing when Toronto general manager Alex Anthopoulos called to tell him about the trade. The deal caught Santos by surprise — a few days after the season ended, he signed an \$8.25-million US, three-year contract with the White Sox. Santos said he's "glad to be back" with the Blue Jays.

"I'm excited to be moving to a new team and (one that's) going in the direction that Toronto is going in," Santos said on a conference call.

Santos was in Toronto's minor league system from 2006-08 as a shortstop. He converted to pitching in 2009 while in the White Sox organization and made his big league debut the next year.

Anthopoulos was the Blue Jays' assistant GM when Santos was in their organization. The team asked Santos if he wanted to take a try on the mound, but he wasn't interested.

"He didn't want to pitch. He believed in himself as a shortstop," Anthopoulos said.

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► Sergio Santos



► Cody Franson crashes into New Jersey's Ryan Carter along the boards last night.

'It looks pretty fair'

► NHL players looking forward to shakeup after proposed realignment

NHL players largely seem in favour of a proposed realignment plan that will require the support of their union before taking effect next season.

The major four-conference shakeup endorsed by the NHL's Board of Governors had players abuzz in dressing rooms around the league yesterday. Some were still getting a handle on what it meant and a few voiced concerns, but the overall reception was positive.

"It looks pretty fair," said Montreal Canadiens defenceman Hal Gill. "It's a little different. But it's not going to be perfect. Un-

fortunately, the map doesn't lend itself to perfect. You don't want to take away too many rivalries so you have to figure it out."

The aspect of the proposal that elicited the most excitement from players was a new schedule matrix that includes a game in every city around the league.

Since the lockout ended in 2005, teams in the Eastern and Western Conference haven't played each other home and away each season.

"I've played almost 100 games in the league and there are still teams I haven't played yet," said

Ottawa Senators forward Zack Smith. "I think it's good to get around and see everybody and go to every city. I think fans will really enjoy it as well. They get to see a lot of the stars in the East, but this way they'll be able to see some of those guys in the West."

Added Winnipeg Jets winger Evander Kane: "I get to go to Vancouver, my hometown, every year which is nice. But it will definitely be a new look to the league."

One area of concern is the fact that two conferences feature eight teams while the two others have seven.

That represents a significant competitive disadvantage since the same number of teams (four) will qualify for the playoffs in each conference.

"Personally, I'd like to have the same shot at making the playoffs as everybody else," said Flames winger Alex Tanguay. "If you're in one of those conference that has eight teams, it's definitely going to be much tougher than (those with) seven teams to make the playoffs."

"I don't know how they can make that work. I'm sure there's a solution."

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Some top NBA teams won't play in Toronto

Those who might find the truncated Raptors schedule most odorous are those in the team's front office charged with selling tickets to individual games.

The abbreviated 66-game schedule was announced last night and the list of teams not paying a visit to the Air Canada Centre this season is at least as significant as the names of the ones that will.

Steve Nash and the

Phoenix Suns? Not on the list.

Kevin Durant and the Oklahoma City Thunder? Nope.

Blake Griffin and the Los Angeles Clippers? Sorry.

The defending champion Dallas Mavericks? Won't be here.

And for a team coming off a 22-60 season, a third straight year without a sniff of the playoffs and firmly in a rebuilding mode, those four virtually

certain sellouts will undoubtedly put a crimp in the attendance figures.

Instead of those marquee teams, the only Western Conference teams that will come to the Air Canada Centre in an unbalanced year are the Los Angeles Lakers (for the lone Sunday matinee in the season, Feb. 12), Denver, Houston, Memphis, Golden State, Minnesota, Portland, Sacramento and San Antonio.

As expected, the Raptors will open the season Dec. 26 in Cleveland (that was part of the original 2011-12 season) and open at home on Dec. 28 against the Indiana Pacers. And then the fun begins.

After a Dec. 30 date in Dallas, the Raptors will play 19 games in January, including an astonishing 12 on the road which includes the only west coast road trip of the season.

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Engine

The base 328i sedan's previous 230-horsepower inline six-cylinder has been replaced by a 240-horsepower 2.0-litre turbocharged four-cylinder.

The powerplant, which is also showing up in other BMW products, including the larger 5 Series and Z4 roadster, makes 260 pound-feet of torque and can propel the 3 Series sedan to 100 km/h in about six seconds, which is just a touch longer than the 335i's time. That model retains its 300-horsepower six-cylinder turbocharged engine.

Dynamics Control

Standard on all models is a Driving Dynamics Control with four different settings, according to how vigorously you wish to pilot your Bimmer. The most fuel-efficient setting is the ECO PRO mode that, when activated, cuts the horsepower to save fuel (as much as 20 per cent, according to BMW). In ECO PRO, a special instrument-panel display indicates how far the 3's range has been extended.

Fuel efficiency

An electric air conditioning compressor functions on a demand-only basis and a new feature shuts off the engine when you're stopped at intersections, red lights and other gridlock-related pauses, then instantly fires it up again when it's time to roll.

To offset the added power needs, the 3 Series features Brake Energy Regeneration. This system converts the kinetic energy produced when coasting or braking into electrical energy, which is then fed to the battery.



BMW's franchise player hopes to remain a leader



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Arriving in early 2012, the car that's literally "The Franchise" for BMW seems headed in an entirely new direction.

If nothing else, the 3 Series has kept up with the

times, which call for significant improvements in fuel economy as well as a tread-lightly footprint that reaffirms and enhances BMW's environmental awareness.

At the same time, BMW must maintain the passion and performance that has helped its star performer

maintain its top-rung status.

The 2012 3 Series walks the walk in fine style.

The sleeker-looking sedan is nearly nine centimetres longer and about five centimetres wider overall.

The changes to the car's basic shape mean a low-

slung appearance, especially the front end that's more aerodynamic than the 2011 version.

But important for those who appreciate unrestricted views of the passing scenery, the 3 Series maintains its sensible low-waist, tall-window design along with thin roof and

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Outback looks like a sensible used CUV

SECOND GEAR



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The Outback is Subaru's shot at vehicles like the Honda CR-V, Toyota RAV4 and Ford Escape.

With its update for 2010, the 2005 to 2009 generation of this popular crossover is now a full member of the used marketplace.

A car-like and wagon-oriented vehicle, it offered up the utility of a station wagon, the ground-clearance of a small SUV and the driving dynamics of a sedan.

2005 to 2009 Subaru Outback



Engines

Outback was standard with a 2.5-litre boxer four-cylinder or turbocharged version thereof, with 170 or 250 horsepower, respectively. A three-litre flat-six with 250 horsepower was also available. All-wheel drive was standard on all models.



What owners like

Outback drivers say they enjoy good fuel economy, steady and sure-footed traction in all conditions, a high-utility cabin and good ride quality. Headroom and outward visibility are also highly rated.



What owners dislike

Complaints deal with sluggish performance on four-cylinder, automatic-equipped models, as well as a tight rear seat, a "cheap" interior feel, and soft handling.



Common issues

If applicable, have the turbocharger system checked for signs of wear, ensuring the vehicle doesn't smoke and hasn't got excessive oil deposits in the charge piping — which could reference worn-out turbo seals. A Subaru mechanic can help here. On any Outback model, check the differentials and transaxle assembly for signs of oily leakage. A check-engine light, possibly accompanied by improperly functioning cruise control, could be caused by a bad engine control sensor.

Verdict

Outback appears to be a largely reliable and well-enjoyed vehicle for families, active couples and busy single folks alike. A well-maintained model should provide reliable, year-round performance.

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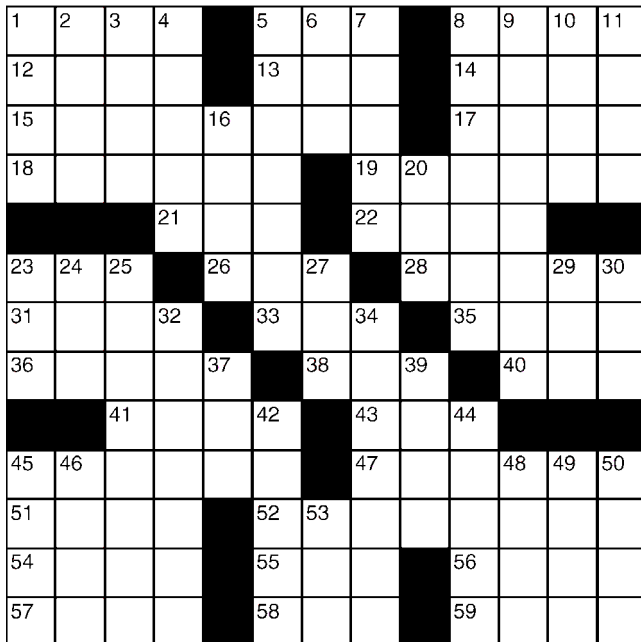
Crossword

Across

1 Houston acronym
5 Sternward
8 Streetcar
12 Winged
13 — goo gai pan
14 Like a moray
15 End of an illness
17 Performances
18 Sycophants
19 Implant
21 Help
22 Entrance
23 Melody
26 Allow
28 Wild West show
31 "Star —"
33 Flop
35 Ginormous
36 Unspoken
38 Wager
40 Decay
41 Rhyming tributes
43 Airport overseer (Abbr.)
45 Move up and down
47 Busy
51 Gumbo need
52 Flinched
54 Nasty stinger
55 Cistern
56 Journalist Lisa
57 Caustic chemicals
58 Acapulco gold
59 London gallery name

Down

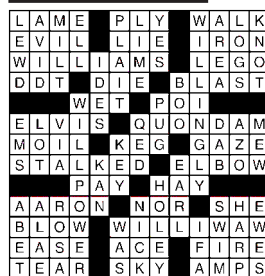
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2 Sheltered
3 Pouches
4 Scent



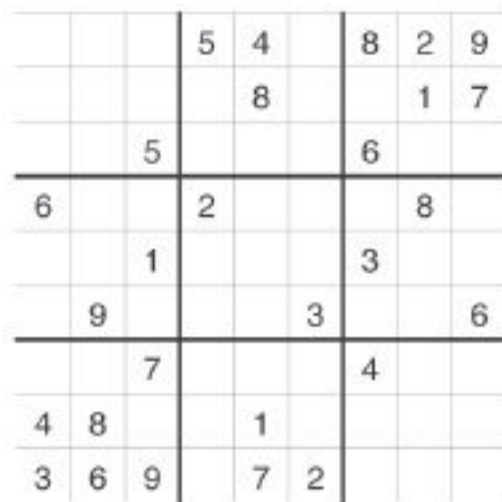
5 Rewrote the Constitution
6 Supportive of
7 Monkeyed (with)
8 Quaint restaurant
9 Flute's cousin
10 Sax range
11 1990s video game
16 Bride's cover
20 Neither partner
23 Lawyer (Abbr.)
24 Playwright Levin
25 Source of help
27 Bathroom fixture
29 Id counterpart
30 Morsel for Dobbin

32 Abducts
34 Actually
37 Sleuth, for short
39 Mexican entree
42 Electronic control system, briefly
44 At an angle
45 Cheek by —
46 Fine
48 Hip bones
49 Outlet
50 Advantage
53 Listener

► Yesterday's answer



Sudoku



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Yesterday's answer ►



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YOU KNOW WHO

Today's horoscope

♈ Aries March 21-April 20 Your critics can complain all they want, but there's no stopping you from following your dream.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 If you stop worrying for a moment and analyze your financial situation, you'll realize it could be worse.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 A partner will say something that'll show you there's a lot about him or her you still don't understand.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Spread the load today — get others to help you. They will, if you ask them nicely.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 23 You don't lack confidence but common sense is just as important, so think carefully before you take a big risk.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24-Sept. 22 Minor disagreements could easily get out of hand over the next 24 hours. Don't rise to the bait.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 You may be tempted to blame someone else when something goes wrong today. Instead, admit it's your fault.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Watch out that you don't waste money on trendy things you don't need today. Set your own trends.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Your energy levels are high. What is your number one desire? Aim for that and nothing else.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 If you're fearful, it won't be until the Sun moves into your sign in a fortnight that you'll feel better.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 You'll have to be blunt with people who are unaware that you don't want to be bothered with trivia.

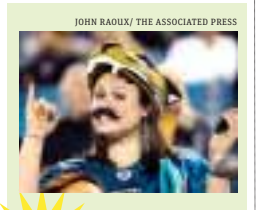
♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. Whatever the upset or upheaval today, take it in stride. Don't let it faze you. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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